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Makoto Suematsu et al.

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 19, 2010 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME (RCE SUBMISSION)**

MS RCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is submitted as a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") submission and in response to the Final Office Action dated February 19, 2010, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining	Highest Number	Number Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	25	- 34* =	0	X	0.00
Independent	2	- 3** =	0	X	0.00
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					0.00
TOTAL					0.00

*not less than 20

** not less than 3

A response to the February 19, 2010 Final Office Action was due May 19, 2010. Applicants request a one-month extension of time for responding to the February 19, 2010 Final Office Action, and concurrently submit a Petition concerning same. The small-entity fee for a one-month extension of time is SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00), and such fee shall be concurrently paid by credit card via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Electronic Filing System ("EFS"). With a one-month extension of time, a response to the February 19, 2010 Final Office Action is now due June 19, 2010. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Further, applicants concurrently file a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). The small-entity fee for filing an RCE is FOUR-HUNDRED AND FIVE DOLLARS (\$405.00), and such fee shall be paid concurrently via credit card payment through the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's EFS.

Other than the \$65.00 fee for a Petition for a one-month extension and the \$405.00 fee for filing an RCE, no additional fee is required for the filing of this Amendment.

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However, in the event a fee is required or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215, Order. No. K2100.0001.

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this Amendment is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215, under Order No. K2100.0001.